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On February 8, 2005 and April 15, 2005, interviews were conducted with Examiner Strimbu concerning the above-identified patent application.

An in-person interview was conducted on February 8, 2005. During the interview, claim 1 was discussed as well as the Isomura and Weber references. Examiner Strimbu indicated that the amendment made to claim 1 appeared to be adequate to overcome the rejection of record. The limitation pertaining to plug-in connectors was also discussed and it was suggested by Applicant's representative that the limitation may be removed as unnecessary. Citations to the following patents were also made for the Examiner's consideration: 5,810,315; 4,790,202; 3,184,209. No agreement was reached and Examiner Strimbu advised that further searching would be conducted prior to issuing the next Office action.


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A telephone interview was conducted on April 15, 2005. During the interview, claims 48-52 and 55-56 were discussed to place them in condition for allowance. The Examiner's Office action of February 24, 2005 was also discussed and it was noted that the reasons for indication of allowable subject matter as to claim 52 were also applicable to claim 48. It was also noted that Isomura discloses a rotating spindle, not a fixed spindle. Examiner Strimbu agreed that claims 48-52 and 55-56 were allowable and also agreed to remove the limitation in claims 48 and 52 relating to plug-in connectors, and other limitations, as unnecessary. Citations to the following patents were also made for the Examiner's consideration: 5,810,315 and 4,790,202; 3,184,209.

The undersigned thanks Examiner Strimbu for the time and attention devoted to the interviews.

Respectfully submitted,

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